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SUBJECT: MARTINEZ DE HOZ EXPLAINS U.S. LOAN ABSTENTION

THE U.S. ABSTENTION IN THE WORLD BANK LAST WEEK WAS BRIEFLY REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT IN THE LOCAL PRESS JUNE 17. LA OPINION NOTED THAT 19 OF 20 MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE LOAN AND THAT THE U.S. ABSTAINED DUE TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM ITS GOVERNMENT REFLECTING THE "CONTROVERSIAL THEME OF HUMAN RIGHTS" ONE NEWSPAPER ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED THE US ACTION AS A NEGATIVE VOTE. THE U.S. STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE ABSTENTION WAS NOT REPORTED. THE ONLY SUBSEQUENT REPORTED COMMENTARY ON THE VOTE APPEARED JUNE 21 WHEN MINISTER OF ECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ WAS QUOTED FROM A MAJOR TELEVISION APPEARANCE AS CLARIFYING THAT THE U.S. ABSTENTION "DID NOT SIGNIFY OPPOSITION" AND THAT THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS ABSTAINING DUE TO HIS COUNTRY'S PREOCCUPATION OVER THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS. MARTINEZ DE HOZ CREDITED HIS RECENT EFFORTS IN THE U.S. FOR STAVING OFF THE DANGER OF A NEGATIVE U.S. VOTE AND SAID THAT THE ABSTENTION DEMONSTRATED THAT "THE ARGENTINE SITUATION WAS BEGINNING TO BE UNDERSTOOD". HE ADDED THAT HE HAD MADE NO COMPROMISES NOR PROMISES IN THE U.S. REGARDING THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE FIGHT, BUT THAT HE HAD TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE

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REALITIES AS HE SAW THEM, INCLUDING THE REALITY THAT THE ARGENTINE SITUATION IS GRADUALLY NORMALIZING.

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